

Please create original sentences for each of the following words, underlining the word in your sentence.

1. **pernicious** (adj.) causing insidious harm or ruin; ruinous; injurious; hurtful. *Weeds are considered pernicious, often causing harm to the plants around them.*
2. **prate** (v.) to talk excessively and pointlessly; babble. *It seems like sports commentators often prate just to hear themselves talk.*
3. **profundity** (n.) the quality or state of being profound; depth. *Jimmy showed great profundity as he analyzed the poem for hours after class.*
4. **purveyor** (n.) a person who purveys, provides, or supplies. *A father is often the purveyor in a family as he supplies the family with money.*
5. **quell** (v.) to suppress; put an end to; extinguish. *The teacher quelled our disruptive behavior by screaming expletives at us.*
6. **rancor** (n.) bitter, rankling resentment or ill will; hatred; malice. *Hitler felt rancor towards the Jewish people, which in part led to the Holocaust.*
7. **rend** (v.) to separate into parts with force or violence. *When Kip is angry he rends his toys into a billion parts.*
8. **rue** (v.) to feel sorrow over; repent of; regret bitterly. *I will make you rue the day you stole my cookie by throwing water balloons at you.*
9. **scrupulous** (adj.) having scruples; having or showing a strict regard for what one considers right; principled. *Dave is a scrupulous businessman and always acts in the best interest of his company.*
10. **usurp** (v.) to seize and hold (a position, office, power, etc.) by force or without legal right. *Macbeth usurped the position of king by forcing his way through murder.*
11. **approbation** (n.) commendation; praise. *But the desire for approbation is perhaps the most deeply seated instinct of civilised man.* From *Moon and Sixpence* by W. Somerset Maugham.
12. **beguile** (v.) to deceive, to mislead, or to persuade with charm. *We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.*
13. **capitulate** (v.) to surrender, esp under agreed conditions. To give up all resistance; acquiesce. *I am ashamed to think how easily we capitulate to badges and names, to large societies and dead institutions.* From *Essays* by Ralph Waldo Emerson.
14. **debauchery** (n.) extreme indulgence in sensual pleasures; dissipation. *And afterwards, how he had all at once broken out: he had associated with the most horrible people, and rushed into the most senseless debauchery.* From *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy.

15. **deprecate** (v.) to express disapproval of; protest against. *I learned, from the views of social life which it developed, to admire their virtues and to **deprecate** the vices of mankind.* From *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.
16. Greek Root. **derm**: “skin”
Examples:
dermatologist (physician specializing in dermatology, the science of dealing with skin and its diseases),
dermis (inner layer of the skin),
epidermis (outer layer of the skin),
hypodermic (beneath the skin),
taxidermist (one who practices taxidermy, the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals in lifelike form).
17. Latin Root. **scrib**: “write”
Examples:
conscript (to enroll (write down) into military service by compulsion; draft),
inscription (something inscribed (written) on a monument, coin, etc),
prescribe (literally, “write before”),
scribe (a person who writes; author; journalist).
subscriber (one who writes his or her name at the end of a document. thereby indicating approval)